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WASHINGTON

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
351 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ford:

Pursuant to conversations he has had with you, Mr. Willis has asked me to forward to you the enclosed reports on Norman Redlich, staff member of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and on Mark Lane, who unsuccessfully attempted to represent the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald before the Commission.

Re: Norman Redlich Report

The first sheet of this report, which contains only references to groups officially cited as Communist, is the normal report furnished by the Committee in response to requests for information on Redlich. The second page, as noted, contains references to activities not officially cited as Communist. They are being furnished only to members of the Commission who desire information on Redlich because they shed additional light on his activities or association with groups and causes which -- though not officially cited as Communist -- are Communist influenced, originated, or oriented.

It may interest you to know that during the past few days Frank Wilkinson, who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by two witnesses who have appeared before this Committee, has been in the House Office Building attempting to "lobby" Members to vote against this Committee's appropriation for the current year. Wilkinson is the Executive Director of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, a group cited as Communist by this Committee in House Report 1278 of the 87th Congress.

Wilkinson has been distributing in the House Office Building the February 21, 1964 issue of "Abolition News," bulletin of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, which lists "Prof. Norman Redlich, Law, New York University," as one of the sponsors of the committee. A reproduction of this bulletin is enclosed for your information.

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It may also interest you to know that certain facts on Redlich's background are now in the "public domain." Enclosed is a reproduction of page 1 of the February 12, 1964 issue of "Tocsin," a West Coast newsletter, which features an item on Redlich.

Re: Mark Lane Report

The two-page report, dated February 10, 1964, is the normal report furnished by the Committee in response to requests for information on Mark Lane. The longer report, dated February 20, 1964, contains supplementary information of the same general character as the information contained on the second sheet of the report on Mr. Redlich, and is being furnished for the same reasons.

Sincerely yours,

Francis J. McNamara

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Enclosures